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Mrs. Jason Westerfield
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Dear Mrs. Westerfield:

Hon. Nehemiah was a descendant (7th generation) of George Abbott of Rowley. The following record is copied from DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE ABBOTT, OF ROWLEY,MASS., Vol. II, by Maj. Lemuel Abijah Abbott (for library use only) - page 643 - 671

"HON. NEHEMIAH[7] ABBOTT (Asa[6], Joseph[5], Nehemiah[4], Nehemiah[3], George[2], George[1]) was b. in Sidney, Kennebec Co., Me.,Mar.29,1804, and m. June 28,1836, Caroline Williams Belcher, b. Oct. 8, 1812, eldest child of Clifford and Deborah Allen Belcher; maternal gr.dau. of Rev. Timothy and Sarah Fuller, and gr.gr.-dau. of Rev. Abraham Williams, of Sandwich,Mass. "Mrs.Belcher was a lady of great mental power, and highly esteemed for her many virtues by all who shared her acquaintance". Her daughter, Mrs. Abbott, was "a lady of much culture and intelligence, who, as a cousin of Margaret Fuller Ossoli, was closely associated with that gifted woman as schoolmate and friend". Hon. Nehemiah[7] Abbott studied law at the Litchfield, Ct., Law School, was admitted to the bar in 1836 in Bangor,Me.,practiced three years in Calais,Me., one year in Columbus, Miss., and in Belfast, Me., from Aug.,1840. In 1842-3, he represented Belfast in the Legislature, from 1857 to 1859 was a mem. of Congress, and mayor of Belfast, 1865-6. In 1844, he was editor of the PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE, published in Belfast. His descendants have supplied no data of the family. He d. July 26,1877, ae. 73 yrs. His homestead was one of the finest in the city. Had 6 chil. (8th gen.):"...

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Sept. 24th 1834. Lowell Dracut

23rd Friday walked into Lowell & saw the
Opening of the sixth Seal —
26th Saturday At fiery soul which working out its way
Fretted the puny body to decay,
And o'er informed the tenement of clay.
27 Went to Church heard Mr Barry in the Morning
In the Afternoon Mr Williams the Minister of Dracut

Memory. 1 The Pencil Sketches of Mrs Leslie

The Gentlemen & Ladies book of Politeness & Propriety of Deportment

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1834

June 22d. Started for Hallowell in the rain, much against my inclination but as if the fates were all against me. I having taken leave of all my friends, feel myself in a manner compelled to start this day.

23d Wednesday. Spent the night at Uncle Whittier's, sailed from Shepherds wharf this morning in company with a number of friends

24th Walk over a part of Bath with Hiram Stoyles met a number of acquaintances met Miss Masters in the street and called on her.

26th at sea very sick.

27th Arrived at Boston about dark None of the family at home excepting the help. Uncle Henry and Aunt Sarah arrived in ten minutes after me.

28th In Boston S. M. Fuller called on me when I was out

29 Sabbath — — —

July 4th In Boston — —

July 26th Dr Warren called to see my hand.

July 29th Tuesday morning. Dr Warren called amputated my finger with a part of the met-a carpal bone and said he saw no reason why it might not get well.

July 30th My hand very comfortable Dr M. said he would dress it on Friday

31st Very impatient to have my hand dressed

Aug 1st My hand pronounced to be doing well Dr M. said it might be dressed every day and that Aunt M. could dress it. very sorry that she should have so disagreeable a task to perform but how can I prevent it?

Sept 15th Monday, Dr Warren called this morning while we were at breakfast said to go to Lowell was one of the best things I could do, that perhaps I may be able to return home in three weeks. — — — — — — — — — — — —

Oct 2d Thursday; I went to Lowell sept 15th in the afternoon stage with Uncle Elisha. Staid at Uncle's house in Dracut till 2 o clock this afternoon when I took the stage for Boston at which place I arrived between 5 & 6 this afternoon. I enjoyed my visit at Dracut very much I could not well do otherwise as they were all so kind to me.

Boston Oct 4th 1834 Saturday Morning, Expecting Clifford every moment to come and go with me to see Adam & Eve. very warm, and pleasant My hand, if I may judge from appearances decidedly better. — — Clifford came this afternoon and we went to see the pictures Walked back in a violent rain storm.

Oct. 5th Sabbath. very pleasant this morning. My hand not quite so well but I hope not dangerously worse I am afraid I took some cold by wetting my feet yesterday Sleep, sleep, to day tormenting cares.— attend Church twice and heard two very interesting sermons. Mr Gannett preached without notes in the afternoon

Oct 6th Walked out this pleasant morning to see a Mantua Maker found her engaged. so that my cloak does not find any one to make it. purchased a fur cape for Miss C. R. and a boa for myself. returned to soon place very much fatigued and with a very light purse, too light for the pleasure of its possessor. even so. My hand to appearance much better than yesterday.

Oct 7th Started for east Bridge Water with Uncle Henry this morning. Rode through South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, Abington stopped Smiths. tavern in Bridgewater between ten & eleven after riding 23 miles. We dined at this place I had the pleasure of dining with a long table full of Lawyers, if I known the fact before I think I should have lacked courage but

as it was. I made a very good dinner — — — — — — — —
We started for Boston between the hours of two and three & arrived at Avon place between the hours of six and seven in the evening I enjoyed the ride very much. My boa troubled me by creeping off my neck as fast as I could put it on. but that is a trifle which should be remembered that I may take care not to lose it next time. Hope to hear from Mother this day.

Oct 8th. Expecting Dr Warren every moment a most delightful morning for Autumn, engaged to spend a part of the day with Clifford in Cambridge shall probably disappoint him as well as myself by not being able to go. —

Oct 9th. Dr Warren called this morning said there was more diseased bone in my hand else it would have been well before this. Said he would think of it and call on Monday and say what was best to be done. I hope to be resigned to whatever I may be called upon to suffer but I must recollect that my friends in a manner suffer with me. but I must never expect to able to repay half the kindness with which they have treated me. Went to Cambridge with — Clifford was at his recitation when I arrived at his room. Found his room in very good order, took the liberty to open his beaureau Drawers which were tolerable. He made me present of Walkers Dictionary large edition. I was glad to find him so careful and studious. It commenced raining

very hard in the afternoon so that I was not able to see the Library as I had intended. Rode home in the Omnibus. 6 o'clock hourly

Oct 10th Very cool. Uncle Timothy, Wife & Uncle Whittier here to breakfast. Walked out in the morning in company with Aunt M. and Sarah to exchange a nine dollar cape which I purchased for Caroline Robinson for a more expensive one thinking she would prefer a handsome cape for twelve dollars to one inferior and cheaper. Uncle Whittier was so kind as to take charge of it as far as H by having it carefully packed in his trunk and I wrote a few lines to Elizabeth W. requesting her to send it on to Mt Vernon. Uncle W. left about 12 o'clock for H. I then walked out again with Aunt Margaret who was so kind as to call at Dr Randall's that she might be able to go with me to a Mantuamakers where I might be able to get my cloak made. We accordingly went to Miss Chaplin as we were directed & I had the good fortune to find that she would make it the first of next week. When we returned, found Mrs Knight and Miss E. Stone in the library. Aunt Margaret went to Cambrigde in the two o'clock hourly.

Oct 11th Went to the library and took out Harrington & Ormond. In the afternoon called on Miss Chaplin who took measure of my cloak. Finished Harrington think he had quite too much sensibility & his pretended friend too much tact. Delighted with Mr Monton and his Daughter. Distressed that Lady Anne Mowbray's mind should not be deserving such a face.

Oct 12th Sabbath. - A most delightful autumnal morning. Uncle Hm and wife started for Framingham immediately after breakfast. but intend to be at Boston at eight this evening. Think I shall not go out to day but can give no reason why I think so. but a great inclination to stay at home. Nothing interesting to read which

Oct 13th Monday Dr Warren called, has decided that my hand will never be well until I submit to another operation. I could not feel resigned at first but in the afternoon requested Aunt Mary to write him that I would be in readiness when ever he thought best. but but a note was brought in the evening saying the he was engaged that, next day &c.

Oct 14th Walked out with Aunt Mary t, we went to the Library & I took two volumes of Cyril Thornton quite cold —

Oct 15th Pleasant and cold. Martha A Whittecer wedding day. Sent a letter home by mail. Wrote for my winter garments with the expectation of finding them very comfortable. If I can feel as willing to see Dr. W. tomorrow as I should be now. I shall soon be resigned to suffering Uncle Wm. here this evening. much engaged in Cyril Thornton.

Oct 16th — Capt Ober called, went to his boarding house, took tea with himself and wife and party consisting his Mother and a Miss Lane Cousin to his wife from Portland. and then went to the theatre with them. Walked there with Mr Moore. Saw the Tom Stock performed and the Mummy —

Shall never forget how glad I was to see friends from Farmington. Mr W. told me a certain fact which was vexing —— Well!

Oct. 17th Called on Mrs Wheelock. pleasant and windy Wished to call on Mr B. but could not. Expect Dr Warren tomorrow. —

Oct 18th My birth day. Dr Warren called about eleven with three students performed a very difficult and painful operation on my hand. They were in the house 1 hour & 5 minutes. Aunt Mary stayed with me during the whole which was too much for her & would have been too much for a much stronger person. Dr. W. says he thinks my hand will get well now but I hardly dare expect it for fear of another disappointment but will be resigned with the conviction that all is for the best and not forget the many blessings I enjoy.

Oct 19th Sabbath. Aunt M. went to Framingham this morning was so selfish as to hate to have her go. Hope she will get thoroughly recruited before her return. Aunt S. went to church all day Dr W. called in the morning about eleven Ann was with me. quite comfortable but my hand rather painful and very weak.

Oct. 20th Dr W. called about eleven. said I appeared to be doing very well —

Oct 21st A most delightful morning. sitting up with a blanket and cloak on. Should be very happy to hear from home. Aunt M. expected home tomorrow. Uncle H. been up to see me twice. Uncle A. once

Friday Aunt M. returned from Framingham at three o clock.

Oct 28th Tuesday. Aunt Mary left B. in the stage for Framingham She recieved a letter last eve— from saying that her Father had fallen a certain distance & ruptured the ligament of the thigh & she started for F. at nine this morning. S. M. Fuller left this morning at eight for Groton she has been staying here since saturday so that we are quite dull with the loss of so much good company. My hand is rather painful yet but I will endeavour not to be discouraged. Dr W. has called five times since the 18th Sent a letter home by mail this morning.

Oct 29th cool weather but a very pleasant sun Read several pieces in the Ladies Magazine for amusement. Read for Mental Improvement a description of the whale. That it is generally found towards the North pole near Greenland, Novazembla in the coldest parts of the globe. What we call whale bone grows from the upper jaw. sometimes four yards long. The whale is sometimes 90 f.t. in length. the tongue a soft spongy substance contains 5 or 6 barrels of oil. Spermaceti is taken from the head which is one third the length of the animal. The back is red, black, or mottled the belly generally white. there are two orifices in the back of the head through which they spout water at a very great distance & when agitated with a noise like thunder, the eyes are not larger than those of oxen at great distance from each other. no fins on the back but two on the side under the eyes in which they clasp their young when pursued and swim very fast Under the skin the blubber or fat is from

6 to 12 inches thick. They make a very beautiful appearance in the water and usually swim in a direction different from that in which the wind blows. So much for the first trial of memory ——

Oct 30th Cloudy, began a letter to my young brothers. Ann. A — m, called about eleven. expected Dr W. in vain. My hand if I may judge from the feeling decidedly better. = 11

Oct 31st Cloudy. Recieved a letter from Aunt Elizabeth containing a description of Cousin Martha's wedding, of the ball in the New Hotel Mrs. Tarbell called. Wrote a letter to Aunt Elizabeth & to Cousin Elizabeth My hand to appearance, better. "Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise. D F — vexatious, how much more pleasure we recieve from reading a neatly folded well written letter that from reading one the reverse. Let me remember this for my advantage. Constant employment is a sure relief for uneasy anxious thoughts. ——

"The sacred bonds we strengthen here,
Within the soul their power maintain:
Their present aim to guide and cheer —
Their end, the bliss where spirits reign."

Nov 1st Cloudy & dull Uncle Elisha dinned here at half past two. Mrs Morey sat an hour or two with us in the afternoon. Clifford came in & took the black dwarf from the Library for me. Dr W. also called and said my hand was nearly well & encouraged me much. = 11

Nov 2d Sabbath. A most delightful morning.
The sun shines bright and man is gay. Uncle H went to F.
for Aunt M. yesterday & expected to be home this afternoon.
No 3d Took a walk for the first time since my birth day called
on Uncle A, warmed my feet, met the Misses Randall on the side walk
as I returned. They are lovely girls indeed. There are three kinds of salt.
fossile, or rock. marine, or sea, and spring salt. Fossile or rock salt
is found in large beds or strata, within the bowels of the earth, sometimes
crystallized, but more frequently in irregular masses, of red, yellow, or
blue colour. All salt becomes white by grinding. There are mines of
rock salt in various parts of the world. In Poland, Hungary,
Germany, Spain, Italy, & England, and some other countries
in Europe The account of the Polish mines in the village of Wiliska,
five miles from Cracow, the capital of Poland were discovered in 1251.
and will give us an idea of salt mines in general. Their depth
and capacity are truly astonishing. Within them exists a kind
of subterraneous republic, having its policy, laws, Families &c. even
public roads for horses and carriages are kept here, for the purpose of
drawing salt to the mouth of the quarry where it is taken up by
engines. These horses when they are once down never see the light again
but the men take frequent occasions of breathing the fresh air.
A traveller must feel the greatest astonishment on reaching the bottom
of this wonderful abyss to find men in a manner buried alive.
Numbers of them, even born there, and have never seen the light of day.

The first thing that strikes him is a long series of vaults sustained by huge pilasters cut with the chisel out of the rock salt. resembling so many crystals or precious stones of various colours, reflecting a lustre from the light of the flambeaux, which are continually burning that dazzles the eye with its splendour. A clear rivulet of fresh water runs through the midst of these mountains of salt, supplying the inhabitants of these dreary regions with a source of comfort and convenience hardly to be expected in such a place. The workmen are employed in hewing the rocks of salt in large cylinders, using chisels, pick axes & hammers, much as in our stone quarries, in order to separate the several banks. When these massive pieces are taken out of the quarry, they break them into fragments proper to be thrown into the mill, where they are ground and reduced to a coarse farina or flour which serves all the purposes of sea salt.

In its natural state the masses of rock salt are very hard: there are two kinds of sal gemma found in the salt mines of Wilisha the one harder & more transparent & crystallization of which appears more perfect than that of the other: this is the sal gemma of the druggists & dyers. It cuts like crystal & is frequently used for toys, chaplets, little vases &c.

The other kind is less compact and suitable only for kitchen purposes. The colour of the salt while in the mass is a little brownish but when ground it becomes as white as if it had been refined.

Some of these masses are found hard, and transparent as crystal: some white, yellow, blue, & fit for various works of taste in which they engrave as on precious stones. The mine being cold & moist makes some difficulty in reducing the salt to powder. They make a blackish salt of the water drawn out of it which serves to fatten cattle.

The second kind is sea or marine salt. Made of sea water thickened by repeated evaporation & at length crystallized. Marine salt is prepared by boiling sea water. The salt-works are erected near the sea, in order to afford an opportunity of conveying salt water into them by means of pipes which is afterwards boiled in pans of an immense size. It is necessary to have roofs of wood fastened with wooden pegs because the effluvia arising which evaporates from the boiling pans rusts, & destroys iron in very little time. Whilst boiling, they purify it with whites of eggs. Sometimes the blood of sheep, or oxen is used for the same purpose. The saline liquor which remains from the making of salt, is called bittern and is used for medicinal purposes.

The third and last kind of salt is prepared in the same manner as the marine salt from the water of salt-wells & springs: it is called brine or fountain salt. The whitest, most dry, and finest grained salt is sometimes made in the form of sugar loaves in small wicker baskets. In preparing basket salt they use resin & other solutions to break the grain & make it very fine & to finish the process it is dried

in stoves. Great quantities of brine or spring salt are made in most inland countries; as Germany, Switzerland, Hungary & in some parts of France & England. Where nature does not supply these lakes or ponds artificial ones may be made, which is annually done in France to great advantage, where the chief coasts for bay salt are, those Bretagne, Saintonge, and, the Pay d' Aunis. In order to make a saline or salt marsh a low plot of ground must be chosen adjoining the sea & distant from the mouths of large rivers: and, to render it complete, should be near some convenient harbour for vessels. The ground must be hollowed out to three ponds or receptacles. The first, into which the sea water is admitted, may be called the reservoir, the second receptacle which is to be again divided into three distinct ponds, communicating with each other by narrow passages & containing brine of different degrees of strength may be called brine ponds: The third receptacle is to be furnished, with an entrance between which, & the brine-ponds there is to run a long narrow winding channel. the rest of it is to be divided into small pits, containing a very strongly saturated brine. which is to be converted in to salt, therefore they may properly be called salt-pits. The first receptacle must communicate with the sea by a ditch; defended by walls: the ditch should have a flood gate to admit, retain, or let out the sea water as occasion may require. The bottoms of the reservoir or brine ponds are to be lined with any kind of tough clay or earth that will hold water. The proper season

for making salt in these artificial salinae, is from May to August. to the end of August. When the salt-men open the flood gate at the time the tide is out, to drain off all the stagnating water & after repairing, and cleansing the receptacles from mud and dirt. they admit the sea water at the next high tide, till it floats the whole marsh & stand at a proper height in the reservoir. In a few days most of the water in the salt pits is exhaled by the power of the sun and what remains, is very strong brine. They daily supply themselves with more salt water in proportion to what is exhaled by the sun, & the work men draw out the crystals or salt as they are formed every day. & dispose them in a pyramidical heap, which they cover over at the top with thatch or straw that it may not be injured by bad weather.

I am perfectly delighted with a Mrs Rice, who called this morning. One might see the well educated in every motion, & the refined, the perfect Lady, in every word she ~~uttered~~ — Who can value any toil or self denial in acquiring a good education? Can it be acquired if nature does not at first endow us with refined and delicate feelings. We can improve our minds if blest with common sense, but there is an indescribable grace of manner which nought but dame nature can give us.

I must allow to myself, however; my pride may suffer from the conviction that my friends at home show no affection to me, not one word

Nov 4th Pleasant, Walked from eleven to twelve very much fatigued, so much so, that I found it necessary to lie down a few moments before dinner. Met Tabitha Honeyford in the street never saw her dressed so meanly. commenced writing to H. B— e

"A shell is a house or habitation for certain kinds of fish it serves them for a sort of protection & shield. Naturalists have generally divided into three classes, Univalves, bivalves, & Multi-valves. in which are included sea, land & fresh water shells these classes are subdivided into many genera & species.

The first class consists of shells of one single piece; as the snail. The second of shells which have two pieces, & the third class are those which are formed of more than two pieces. Land shells are of two kinds the recent & the fossile, the recent are those which are inhabited by living animals. the fossile are the remains marine bodies, supposed to have once inhabited the deep seas though frequently found in great quantities under ground in mines and places far distant from the ocean.

It is generally believed that those parts have many ages ago been covered with the sea; some refer to the grand deluge as the cause of all this change.

L. Whitticer spent the evening here on his way to Lowell. He was to appearance in very good spirits took my letter to Aunt E which I wrote with the expectation of send by Mr Dumont:

Nov. 5th Cloudy. Shall not take my hand to walk as has been my custom for a few days past. Feel as stupid as owl. Guineas were first coined in king Charles the second's reign & had their name from the gold of which they were made, being brought from that part of Africa called Guinea. The first coinage of shillings was made by Henry the seventh in 1503. Half pence & farthings were formerly struck in silver by Edward the first in 1280. The coinage of gold was not generally adopted by the states of Europe before 1320 when it was introduced into England by Edward the third. Chemists have named each of the metals after some of the planets; gold is called Sol perhaps from the brilliancy of its colour. Silver is called Luna or the moon, to the beams of which its whiteness bears an allusion. Copper is venus, Iron Mars, Quicksilver mercury, Tin Jupiter and Lead Saturn. Brass is a composition of copper fused with lapis Calaminaris, by which it is rendered harder and becomes of a yellow colour. It is rather lighter, harder & more sonorous than pure copper, melts easier, but if heated even a little is apt to fall to pieces under the hammer, for which it is usually cast into the form required and polished afterward. A gold colour may be imparted to brass by first burning it then dissolving it in aquafortis & lastly reducing it to its metalline state: or it may be whitened by heating it red hot & quenching it with water distilled from sal-ammoniac and eggshells, —— 11

evening past eight. slight head with a most relentless fit of blue ___ silk.

Nov 6th Delightful weather, took a long walk, on I returned met Mr Barnard & invited him to call in the evening which invitation has been accepted & I accordingly have passed the evening very pleasantly in talking of old times. Have nothing to read tomorrow, to my sorrow.

Nov 7th Pleasant. spent the forenoon in building castles to my my own benefit, walked out in the afternoon called on Mrs Bradlee found her with half a dozen young ladies busily engaged in mantuamaking she lent me 12 no's of the Lady's magazine. Took a walk through wastington street and purchased two side combs feel very desirous of hearing from home for many reasons. Mrs Farbell called this morning. Uncle H recieved a letter from Aunt M. saying her Father was getting or appeared rather better. and that she possibly might return in the stage on monday. Feel confident of a deficiency of the bump that indicates a good memory. or habits of observation.

Nov. 8th In the morning the weather was so pleasant that I promised myself a long walk. I accordingly after waiting a short time dressed and went out where I soon percieved that it sprinkled & took it as a warning to hasten back again. Found Clifford here ~~when~~ I came into the parlour after leaving my things up stairs. Dle with W. Stone dined here & about four o'clock both left for Cambridge.

Dr Warren called this afternoon & said my hand was really getting
or something to that effect asked if I was to spend the Winter here #
Aunt M. wrote to Uncle H. to day that she felt the greatest anxiety
for her Father. Clifford gave me an account Book.
Nov. 9th Sabbath! Went to church in the morning, heard a very
good sermon from Mr Robbins of Lynn a very young man &
I should judge from his manner rather diffident but not enough
so to be awkward. Staid at home in the afternoon —
Nov. 10th Finished a letter to Mother, called on Mrs. Mosey, mea-
shoes and cards. thinks high shoes preferable to boots.
Learned that senators are chosen once a year, the second monday
in Nov. Have suffered very much from depression of spirits but do
not know the cause. Tis dreadful, I have not had such an indescri
bable heart-ache for a long time. I met several deformed people
in my walk, perhaps that was one cause, how thankful should
we be for being blest with common sense and perfect forms!
Miss B. Randall called on me this morning, Recieved a letter
or note from Cousin S. M. Fuller —
Nov 11th A rainy morning, Uncle H. went to Framingham to see
Stone, Funeral started at eight this morning —
There was a wedding here this evening Mr Samuel Pettingill & Miss Ma
A Pratt were united by the holy bands of matrimony by Mr Streeter
this city. I was at the wedding. All things went off very well. —
Mr & Mrs Pettingill went to their house the same evening —

Nov 12th Uncle Henry returned last evening about 9 o'clock in season to wish the newly married couple joy before they went to their own house. Rather a singular circumstance that he should, at the same day attend a funeral at his wife's mother's & a wedding at his own house. Even so.

Mrs Sayles has just called this morning, rather cloudy. I wore a glove on my left hand last evening the first time for three months. My hand appears to be getting better. Aunt M. will not return until next Sabbath. have employed myself in keeping accounts which employment is rather more necessary than pleasant.

Nov 13th Very pleasant I intend to go out and enjoy this fine weather as I best can. My hand appears to be not quite so well.

Nov 13th Walked out and left my shoes at Williams shoe store to be mended, hastened back for fear of being caught in the rain. This is the fourth week since the operation was performed on my hand just four weeks this morning.

Nov 14th Looks as if it might rain sent a note to Clifford to borrow a book.

Nov 15 Saturday It is just four weeks this morning since Dr W. performed the operation which I hope will cure my hand. The coldest morning we have had this Autumn but a most delightful sun. Sent a package of letters to Capt Blish for. Yesterday Clifford came in the afternoon. He had a very bad cold & I feel quite anxious fear he will be sick. He brought me the book. I asked of him.

Nov 16th Sabbath Do not attend church. And find myself unable to give a good reason for remaining at home. Spend my time however in reading Dr C.'s sermons which will probably be as beneficial to me as to hear Mr Gannett's from his own mouth.

Nov 17th Aunt M. & Uncle H. arrived at their own home last eve. cloudy. Immediately after tea Uncle Elisha and Addams came. Anne came to make some purchases in consequence of her marriage, which is to take place the 23d of this month which will be just one week from tomorrow, as I heard her say to Aunt M. in reply to a question of hers relating to this event.

Nov 18th A severe rain, it may with propriety be termed a furious rain storm and Ann is obliged to go out in it and what is still worse is obliged to return to Lowell this afternoon on account of the preparations which are going on to prepare the house for her reception. — —

Nov 19th Unpleasant. walked out but was obliged to hasten back from fear of being caught in the rain

Nov 20th Walked out this morning called at Uncle Abraham's Office. purchased a Mask a Sailor's trumpet and a top. returned from my walk at one o'clock and found my long expected bandbox with letters from home a few lines from Miss Hotchinson who makes a slight apology in her Brother's name because he did not call on me while I was at Lowell. I am very much interested in the Memoirs of Dr Darwin, written by Anna Seward. His mixed character is certainly made up of many agreeable oddities.

Nov 21st Uncle H confined to his chamber, yesterday and to-day with the influenza. Walked with Aunt S. this morning to the circus to see the ladies ride on horse-back saw amongst them Mrs. Farbell & Miss B. Randall. Thinks I to myself there is no place where a lady appears to better advantage than on a horse, if she feels quite at ease in that situation. Took a long walk by myself after I left the circus returned to Avon place No. 2 so much fatigued that I thought it best to lie down. Mrs Wheelock called about half past one to see Aunt M. My hand is, to appearance nearly well. I hope I shall never be so ungrateful as to repine at the looks of it, as it really does look so much now than I ever dared to expect when I have heretofore looked forward to the time when I possibly might be so fortunate as to see it cured.

Nov. 22d Clifford came in to day at twelve and of course dined here, as he came in too early to dine at Cambridge. Uncle H. went to Cambridge in a close carriage in the morning, although he was not well able to make such an effort. Aunt M. has been busily employed in the kitchen during the whole day in making pies &c. I really felt a great desire to make pies myself, and contented myself with getting some new ideas in the art of cooking. Did not go out. I should think we had good reason to expect a snow storm tomorrow. Clifford brought me the first Volume of Rollin's universal history which I intend to commence reading on monday & hope my journal will give for the future, a much more favourable account of the manner in which I spend my time. for life is much too short to be trifled away, in a manner lost but alas to hard, if not wholly or, at least nearly impossible to correct long established habits.

Nov. 23d Sabbath. Went to church all day. Mr Gannett preached in the morning from the text "My Father worked hitherto and I work,"
——x Mr Sheppard preached in the afternoon from —— x

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Most of the family sick with the influenza which is very prevalent if I may so judge, from the constant coughing I heard in church.
Called on Mrs Mosey with Aunt B. as we returned from church in the afternoon. We staid nearly an hour with her, conversing on subjects, not connected with the duties of the day at all. She is a woman I like very much. Her manners, character, and conversation are what I like. She has a good share of vivacity, which is quite a necessary appendage to an agreeable lady.
Nov. 24 I shall give myself a black mark as I deserve for not commencing my plan of reading history as I had before decided because I find that I have a great propensity to delay whatever I consider in the light of an indispensable act or task. I do not however reproach myself with having spent the day idly, my hand is to appearance nearly well and I, accordingly have not been wholly idle most of Uncle's Family are unwell with the Influenza. Uncle A. and Mr Brigham called in the evening —— I was pleased on of twice with Mr B.'s sentiments or with those he expressed in reply to some remark of Aunt S.L.'s. I see by the paper that he is to deliver a lecture to the young men of Boston on historical of the importance of historical knowledge tomorrow evening. Should like much to hear it.

Nov. 25th Aunt S. was not able to get up to breakfast this morning. The sidewalks and the street are sprinkled with snow.

Nov. 26th — — — Mrs Bradley called & invited me to spend friday eve.

Nov 27th Cold and pleasant went to Church and heard Mr Gannett deliver a most excellent Thanks giving sermon from Psalms the words "Every day will I bless thee: and I will praise thy name forever and ever." Mr Stelin dined here. My hand to appearance nearly well but I find my habits of indolence very difficult to correct.

Nov 28th Spent the evening at a party at Mrs Bradlees enjoyed it very much. There was a great number of young ladies there as the party was made for one of her Daughters who invited many of her school-mates. They danced most of the evening. I staid until past ten

Nov 29th Cloudy, rode out with Aunt M. held the horse while she did some shopping &c

Nov. 30th Sabbath, Attended church all day. Mr Gannett of Cambridgeport preached in the afternoon. looked at the eclipse of the sun until my eyes began to pain me.

Dec 1st Spent most of the day at the unpleasant task of mending hose Miss B. Randall called in the morning love her more every time I see her. Walked after dinner that I might get some patterns of pink silk for a bonnet

Dec. 2d Very warm and rainy spent the day in the

Dec. 8th Sabbath Attended church all day. Mr Hopkinson walked from church with me and dined here. Mr Gannett preached without notes in the afternoon on the subject of Christ's Crucifixion he was very animated or he seemed to feel the subject very much. —

Dec 8th Very rainy but very warm. heard a very interesting dissertation on hereditary faults and on the importance of improving our characters from the remarks made upon us by our enemies and think the evening very pleasantly spent. Eugene is to start tomorrow morning at 4 o'clock for New York. He is to instruct in a private family in Virginia and intends to remain a day in New York, in Philadelphia & in Washington on his way. Dec. 9th. 10th. 11th. The weather continues mild. My hand as near well as possible to be when not perfectly well Uncle E. brought us Mrs G's wedding cake

Dec. 12th Made calls with Aunt Sarah to the South part of the city very cold and unpleasant.

Dec. 13th A most active snow storm Clifford came in and dined here & took the Ancient History to cambridge after getting one the 2d Vol. from the library for me.

Dec. 14th Sabbath. It continued to snow until nearly one o'clock. The weather has suddenly become extremely cold. Went to Meeting this afternoon & heard Dr H. Ware of Cambridge. The text was 2d Corinthians 5. 20. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Dec. 20th Saturday. The week has passed away without leaving any thing new or important on my list of my own personal acquisitions or improvements. On Monday I went to the fair with Uncle Abraham, he told me to select any article I fancied and made me a present of a silk apron & 2, 50 Aunt Sa. chose a bag and gave it to me so that I had presents for Christmas

Dec. 21st Sabbath. Heard Mr. Gannett all day. —— 22d. 23d. 24th. ——

Dec 25th Fine day, a very pleasant snow storm so that I shall not go out as I anticipated but shall endeavour to spend the first day of Christmas happily within. rose this morning at six but will not take undue credit to myself for rising an hour earlier than usual as I was told an hour later than it really was. read some time in the P. C. B.

Dec. 26th Cloudy. Clifford came in to writing school and called here

Dec. 27th Pleasant. Went to the library at eleven in the morning and took out, or rather exchanged Sidney Biddulph for the Old Bachelor for Aunt Sarah. and took out Ferguson's Astronomy for my own benefit as Uncle H. asked me what caused the difference in the length of the days and I could not tell & he said he would give me one month to inform myself on that subject, so as to be able tell others in such a manner as to prove that I fully understood it myself. I feel very anxious to know. Aunt Ma. thought I should find it explained fully in Wilkins Astronomy but as I could not find it in the catalogue I took the other which Aunt Mary studied when she was thirteen. After I returned the books, I went shopping for bought them to no a dozen place tambour cotton and corded robe and luckily found both when I returned to my home for the present read aloud in the Astronomy until one o'clock when

I began to sew on my robe with the hopes of finnishing it this eve-g but did not accomplish it. Aunt Sarah read the first part of the Old Bachelor aloud in the evening which we like very much. Uncle R. called & asked me a conundrum which I was gaukee enough to guess.

Dec. 28th Sabbath. Pleasant winter weather went to church, heard Mr Hedge of Cambridge. His text was from Romans 13th 7th Render, therefore, to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute due; customs to whom custom fear to whom fear: honour to whom honour. He said the National character was said to be deficient in Reverence and went on, to prove what would be proper objects for Reverence and a proper degree of reverence where it was due would exalt the character while if this faculty was exerted on improper objects it would have an opposite effect. Said much on the importance of childrens being educated in such a manner as to know and feel on what their true happiness consisted.

His sermon in the afternoon was very interesting. The text from Revelation. ——— x Man's life was a book closely written with his his character, thoughts, feelings and actions that in this book there were two blank leaves, infancy & old age. I wish I could express as much of the sentiments he gave us on that subject as I feel.

Dec. 29th A stormy day, cold and rude. Read the character of Scipio Africanus in the evening

30th 31st Miss Parkins and the Misses Bradley took tea here. Aunt Mary was kind so to invite in part for my sake, they have been very kind to me they have asked me to go with them to Mr Fowle's vocal musical exhibition the

2d of January which is next friday. They invited me to spend the afternoon and take tea with them. but I am quite ashamed to go there so very unceremoniously.

January 1st 1835 Boston.

Called at Mr Bradlees to wish them a happy new year and to get the number of the Ladies Magazine which gave the advertisement of the Ipswich Female Academy which I like so much, that I feel a great wish to take advantage of the good instruction given there.

Jan. 2d pleasant snow storm. Mrs. Bradlee sent in her younger daughter in the evening to say tea was waiting. I took tea with them and accompanied them to the social concert given by the pupils of the Female Monitorial school under the musical instruction of Lowell Mason. I was very much delighted to hear the little girls sing alone so sweetly like little birds. Before the exercises commenced, Mr Fowle read an article of his own composition to the visitors. the sentiments were that we were all possessed of the capability of learning to sing that we were of learning to read. That the faculties of the mind all required cultivation in order to arrive at a state of perfection. that there is no point at which to stop, that we either constantly make acquisitions the knowledge already gained, else we are gradually losing what we possess. Which seems to me very natural.

Jan. 3d Dr Warren sent his bill this morning which was $47. 50 cts much less than I expected for I thought it would at least be $100. Aunt Mary was so kind as to tell me this evening that she should

be happy to have me stay here this winter which is to me at present a very great kindness as it will enable me to carry a long cherished wish into execution. I hope I shall never be so ungrateful as to forget the very many kindnesses I have recieved from her, and never overlook any opportunity I may have of returning those few little attentions which may be in my power for I can never expect to return one half of the kindness I have recieved.

Jan. 4th Sabbath. Very cold, the thermometer was this morning at eight o'clock 8 deg. below zero it still continues extremely cold. Went to church in the afternoon. ———

Jan 5th The cold weather still continues: this morning Uncle Henry sent a note containing four tickets for the theatre. Uncle Elisha arrived here at about 6 o'clock in the evening. Uncle Abraham took tea here. The carriage came for us while we were at tea. Uncle A rode with us we took Mrs. Morey in from her boarding house in Franklin street. We had the pleasure of seeing and hearing the celebrated Mr. Chatterton which I deem no slight favour and should have no objection to be favoured in like manner again. Every Uncle on My Mother's side was there, they all happened in town this evening. When we returned we found the table set, and hot coffee already prepared for us. The theatre was so cold that the ladies many of them wore cloaks.

Jan. 6th The weather still continues cold Clifford came in and took the place of Fergusons Astronomy from the library for me.

Jan 7th Went to the Bible meeting with Mr. Farbell, who said he would call

call for me regularly if I would like to attend. Just about dusk Mrs Bean sent her little girls to ask me to take tea with her and go with her family to an Exhibition of dancing of Mr Fowles pupils but as I was already engaged. I lost that pleasure. — —

Jan 8th The weather has moderated considerably

Jan. 9th very pleasant. Jan. 10th Took a very pleasant walk with Clifford who happened to be in, just as I was dressed to go out. Wrote a letter to Mother & asked her consent to go to the Ipswich Academy.

Jan. 11th Went to church twice. Dr Channing preached in the morning In the afternoon Mr G. preached a funeral sermon on the Death of Mrs Barnard a Lady who died four weeks to a day after her marriage by suicide. she was supposed to be insane. by mere chance Geo. Forsythe happened to sit in Uncle's pew. He was dressed very much and appeared much improved, asked me to go to the Lyceum with him on thursday.

Jan 12th Mild and pleasant ~~Cousin~~ Mary went to Framingham with Mr. Frost Knight last saturday Mrs. Bass & Miss Porter called in the afternoon.

Jan 13th The weather warm and delightful, ironed all the morning. Mrs. Sayles called and a lovely woman she is. Uncle Elisha came in just before he left Lowell at 2 o'clock by stage Uncle T's also here, he left Saturday morning but came down again on sunday on account of some cases he heard in Court. Rufus exchanged for me at the Library Ferguson's Astronomy for Slotman

Jan 14th The weather so delightfully warm that the snow is continually sliding off the buildings On Monday evening Uncle Timothy was so kind as to explain to me the cause of, or the first part, the foundation of Astronomy. Mr Farbell called this

evening precisely at seven, but we have had rain and the walking so bad that I did not go out. Mr. T said he would tell me for my consolation that it was uncertain whether there was a vestry meeting or not.
This evening Uncle Henry came home to tea this evening at half past 6 and was quite at leisure to enjoy himself with his brothers T. & Elisha at about 10 they began to sing and seemed to enjoy themselves much.
Jan. 15 The weather most delightful. like April. a real January thaw.
Geo. Tow. I called at the door but as the travelling is so extremely bad I do not go out this evening. Uncles T. & Elisha here.
Jan. 16 The sun shines bright and the weather continues delightfully warm called on Mrs Bradley in the morning.
Jan 17th Clifford came in this morning he was sorely vexed that he does recieve, neither letters nor money from home. says he must either leave college or recieve his money to pay his bills and talked seriously of taking stage for home He dined here & I walked with him in the afternoon.—
Jan. 18th Sabbath. Went to church in the morning and heard Mr. Gannett did not go out in the afternoon. Mr Wright dined here. — —
Uncle Henry said while we were at tea that he thought Aunt M. would return tomorrow. Has some account feel rather more stupid than usual.
Jan 19th. Jan 20th Miss Howe from Princeton spent the day here her brothers called in the evening Uncles T & E. were here to tea & W. Howe
Aunt M. returned from Framingham on monday the 19th On Monday Uncle Abraham's office boy brought my Dr Wm's bill receipted in full.
Jan 21st Called at Mr Farbells with Aunt M. Mrs. F. not at home Went to

walk alone as usual when I returned found Uncle E. here who said he was to start in the stage for Lowell in ¾ of an hour and that there were letters for me & Clifford which Uncle H would bring me when he came home to dine. good news! which raised my spirits to 30° beyond zero. After I had received them I found that I had the kindest of Mothers best of Friends but — I felt a sudden decrease of animal spirits — Mr Farbell called in the evening Miss Howe Miss Stone from Cambridge & myself went to the vestry meeting. Mr Crafts from Hollowell took tea here. Mr. Gannetts subject was the importance of attending public Worship & was very much excited with his subject. When we returned Mr Crafts was gone & Uncles Timothy A. Wm. were here. I felt so much fatigued with the excitement & exercise of the day that I was much pleased when I found myself in bed.

Jan. 22. The weather still continues delightful so like April the air is very soft. Miss Howe left this morning in the stage. Mrs. Morey called. West Stone went to Framingham o'clock afternoon stage where he is to stay 10 weeks. X —

Uncle Henry explained to us this evening why rarefied air ascends.

Jan. 23d A most lovely day The sun shines bright and man is gay. — —

Walked out this morning with Miss Stone called at Uncle H.'s office as we had the good excuse of taking some coffee to him. Aunt Mary went to Roxbury in a carriage with Mr. & Mrs. Williams to spend the day with them.

Jan 24 X Miss Stone went home Clifford came in from Cambridge Aunt M. & Uncle Henry went to Framingham. — X

Jan 25 Sabbath Went to church in the morning & heard Dr Channing "Whence come wars & fightings among you?

Did not go out in the afternoon stayed at home to keep house Uncle & Wife returned about 4 in the evening read aloud from the Christian Register in the evening 26th 27th Monday & Tuesday lost in a reverie 28th Wednesday 29th Friday took tea no. I mean spent the evening at Mr Bradley's at a party made according to Mrs B.'s custom on the anniversary of Mrs Gilbert's marriage quite a social little party.
Saturday Feb 1st pleasant. Sabbath Feb 2d rather cooler went to church all day Mr Gannett preached in the morning Mr. Whitman preached in the afternoon Mr Smith took tea here. A gentleman from Hartford who by examining the developements made the activity of many of the organs told our character with a surprising degree of correctness
Feb 3d Monday! Feb 4th Tuesday took tea with Mrs Sayles with Aunt Sarah when we returned found Mr. Brigham & Mr Smith here
Feb 5th Mrs Morey took tea here & Mr Crafts. Mr Morey, Mr Smith & Uncle Abraham were here in the evening so that we had a very pleasant party. Mr Smith or as Uncle H says: Mr Erastus Golgotha Smith, gave us a lecture on Phrenology & certainly by some means gave the characters of those present as truly as if he knew them all their lives.
Feb 6th Mr Smith called this morning to take leave. In the afternoon Mr Crafts called to take letters home for me. The weather cold.
Feb 7th Snow Storm walked out in the morning called at Milk Street. — & found Uncle Wm. here when I returned had a conversation with him on the propriety of going to Providence He at last said he and Ma objected to it but it was very well for me to go & lay the foun-

dation of an education but that I must not think the knowledge I should gain there in a few months, more than sufficient to get myself into good habits of applying myself to the acquisition of what was useful that if I had strength of mind to persevere in a regular course of study he thought there was no doubt I should derive some advantage from putting my plan in execution. Feb. 7th Saturday have a very cold & the weather is very cold. Miss took Stedmans astronomy to the Library & took it out again that I might not keep out longer than is allowable by the rules of the Librarian Mr Lee. In the evening Uncle H. gave me or rather heard a lesson from the above mentioned book. Mr Buck a young gentleman from Philadelphia called in the eve-g ——

Feb 8th Sabbath. Very cold and quite a high wind so that those who went out had the full benefit of the snow which was far above their reach before the agitation of the air generously brought it so near as to make us well acquainted the effect it would have when brought in close communion with the most exposed part of the houses we live in. Dr. Channing preached in the morning from Matt. 22. 37 Thou shalt love Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind & with all thy soul — there were a great many there a very full house assembled in expectation of hearing Dr C. Mr Gannett preached in the afternoon from Ecclesiastes to a much smaller congregation.

Feb 9th Very cold & quite a high wind. Miss Moore called in the morning & came in the P. M. to take tea with us. I was obliged to go to bed at eight o'clock & poultice my face on account of a cold which I have

taken in my face. Was very sorry to leave Miss M.'s agreeable company stayed to hear her read 2 of her brother Henry's letters, who is now in Illinois.
Feb 10th Did not rise until nearly one o'clock my face hurts me to day. Uncle Elisha came in as we were at dinner.
Feb 11th Rather milder than it has been for a few days past Mrs Bradley called in the morning and asked me to go to the lecture with her at Mr Fowle's but the ague in my face deprives me of that pleasure Mr Farbell also called in the eve-g but I must stay at home.
Asked Uncle Elisha's opinion of the Academy at Derry. He says it is one of the best schools in the country & thinks well of my intention to avail myself of the instruction given there, for a few months. I hope never to neglect any opportunity I may have of improving myself, if possible on the contrary to make amends for what I have lost. always to keep in mind that "The Wise and Prudent conquer difficulties by daring to attempt them: while Sloth & Folly shiver & shrink at sight of toil & danger & make themselves: the impossibility they fear."
Feb 12th. Feb 13th X Feb 14th Saturday Clifford came in. in the afternoon took the 2d Vol. of History which he brought me from Cambridge & went to the Franklin Library with me for the 3d Vol. ditto which he found & brought home for me. The weather is very cold & damp.
Feb 15th Sabbath Cold & Snow. Uncle Henry now not well enough to go out. Heard Mr Whittwell in the morn-g His text was John 6th 27th. Mr Gannett in the afternoon from Deuteronomy 6th 7th On religious conversations. After hearing his persuasive arguments in favor

of cultivating a taste for pure & religious conversation it would hardly to forget or neglect the cultivation of that on which our happiness not only in this but to all future ages wholly depends. True it is that the right path is more easily discovered than followed.
In the Eve — g Uncle H. explained a portion of My astronomical lesson to me. I read a part of the sketch of Mr Buckminster's early life —
Feb 16th A fine snow storm. Uncle H. rode to the office twice.
Feb. 17th. Feb. 18th Feb 19th The weather has been so stormy & the walking so bad that I have not been out. but have spent my time very pleasantly in reading history in which I am very much interested.
Feb. 20th The weather was so pleasant that I walked out this morn — g notwithstanding the walking was very bad & if I may judge from the bright looks & animated appearance & bright looks of the many ladies in the street the pleasant sunshine has the effect of giving them life & spirits purchased ½ yd of cross barred muslin at Hills & found his store so full of ladies that I could hardly make my way to the counter. Aunt Mary spends the day with Mrs Thorter. Uncle Henry is at Dedham & Aunt Sarah has walked out. & I am cutting out night-caps, well very well.
Feb. 21st Pleasant. Mrs. Brewer here to day with her son walked out in the afternoon. have not read one word this day. Uncle H. heard my lesson this eve — g.
Feb 22d Sabbath. Dr Channing preached this morning to a very full house. His text was Romans 2.d 15.16th On the power of conscience.
Mr Young preached in the afternoon to a much thinner congregation Mr. Frost dined here. Mr Wright took tea here & Mr Dabney spent the

evening here. so I could not read Buckminsters sermons as I was book.
Feb 23d rather cloudy rainy. 24th 25th Wednesday went with Mrs B.
to a lecture on electricity. Mr Fowler's lecture, however was wholly exper
imental, he was obliged to keep the room warm, on account of the
dampness of the atmosphere in order to be successful in his experiments
so that his room was rather uncomfortable. The 26th 27th days passed on
without any occurrence to make an impression. 28th Saturday Clifford
came in & brought me a letter from Debby. Dear or half a letter in-
stead of which, I at least expected three. I was very much disappointed
Oh! ever thus, the weather is becoming extremely cold. Spent the Morn. at Ban
March 1st Sabbath Mr Gannett gave us a very good sermon this
morning on Spirituality. Mr Ripley preached in the afternoon Mr Dale
spent the evening here & again entertained us with an most interesting
account of his Fishermen boarding houses headless saints &c.
March 2d Very cold walked out early in the morning purchased
2 yds of cotton Batt at Hills called on Mrs Morey but did not go to
her reading meeting as she invited me because I was afraid of
taking cold & thereby getting an ague. Aunt M. went to Framingham
March 3d Tuesday went to Mr Barnes & spent an hour or more
with him called on Mrs. Morey as I returned after waiting along
time at Mr B. & left with out attaining the object for which I went.
March 4th Very cold spent a part of the morning at Mr Barnes called on
Mrs Morey as I returned —— Went in the evening with Mrs
Perkins to one of Mr Fowles grammar soirees, —

March 5th 6th 7th Saturday. Aunt M. returned from Framlingham. this Morning Mr Knight dined here. Clifford came in in the afternoon & Mr Frost also called. Weeks pass away & I live on as it would seem to little purpose, doing little else than living breathing & having existence.

March 8th Sabbath, the heavy snow storm we had yesterday has had the effect of making the walking very bad to day. Miss B. Fran called this morning to say that her Sister would not think it prudent to venture out to hear Dr. C. if she knew how bad the walking was. that she had called to tell me her sister would go but found the walking so bad that she wished me to send Elizabeth word of it. I wrote a note to that effect & sent it, a few moments after I recieved a note from her signifying that she had found it necessary to stay at home. I went in to church in the morning with Aunt Sarah found the walking rather bad Mr Gannet preached from Luke 8th 15th But that on the good ground are they, which, in an honest & good heart, having heard the word keep it & bring forth fruit with patience. On personal religion. —

Did not go out in the afternoon dressed of home instead of reading as I wished not the best way of spending sabbaths.

March 13 Friday. commenced a new series of exercise for the benefit of my hand. Very much engaged in the necessary preparations previous to going to Derry A visit from Miss Blue —

March 14th took 3d Vol of Robbins ancient History & Stm n, Astronomy to the

Library & took them back again. The weather delightful. Clifford came in & spent the afternoon. Heard that Mr. Atkinson was suddenly called to New Sharon by the sickness of his Sister.

March 13th Sabbath, a most lovely day. Mr. Walker of Charleston preached all day for Mr. Gannett felt an unaccountable depression of spirits. After the second meeting walked to Mrs Fairbanks, saw her sick child & took tea there. Mr. Brigham called in the eve-g

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March 15th 17th 18th 19 20th 21st Clifford came in this afternoon no news from home. The weather delightfully pleasant Miss Maria Buckminster went or started for Framingham last night at half past twelve She received a letter from her brother the evening before, saying Her Father was near Death

22d Sabbath. So very severe storm did not go out. 23 24th 25th 26th 27th Very much engaged. One day this week Uncle Harvey brought home a globe for me to look at 28th Uncle A's Birth Day 29th Sabbath Went to Church all day. Mr Wolt preached in the afternoon. My Mothers Birth Day. Uncle Abraham called this eve-g and brought me Six Months in a Convent

April 5th Sabbath evening. The past week has passed rapidly away We have a very severe rain so much so that I do not go out.

April 14th A most delightful morning. Started for Derry N.H. with Mr Sayles, Daughter Miss Brewer, the weather became very cold and unpleasant before we arrived at Lowell. The stages were so full at L. that we went on from that place in a carry all our baggage was sent on in a waggon but we are here at last.

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April 26th Sabbath evening

Have now been at Derry twelve days have again commenced going to school but as yet find myself disappointed in the improvement I hoped to make in that time but however shall not permit myself to be disheartened but hope to be able to apply myself more industriously the coming week to spend it well. The weather has been so cold that I could not remain long in the chamber with comfort so that I have not as yet studied enough to take an interest in my books.

April 28th Tuesday evening It is nearly dusk, another day has passed it has stormed so much that I have not been out. Mr Gale did not keep school. Recieved a letter from Aunt Mary this afternoon. have not studied so much as I should like but hope to make up for lost time when the weather becomes so warm as to make my chamber comfortable.

May 2d. The 18 days I have spent in Derry have passed most rapidly and pleasantly but I have not made that improvement in any respect which I had anticipated. Much is said on the improvement of time & how important is it that we should feel its importance. This morning I carried my composition to the desk & it cost no small effort to compose and write & last of all to carry it to Mr Gale for criticism. Well! This afternoon C. Sagles received a package from Boston through the outward envelope was directed to her yet half the contents were for me. Viz a Dictionary and 8 letters, & some of them from home. I have not yet more than half read them. May I never suffer my precious time to pass away in useless regrets when I enjoy so my undeserved blessings.

May 3d Sabbath evening. another week has commenced and may it be spent in a manner which shall give me pleasure to review it wrote three letters since 4 o clock

May 4th Monday evening send three letters to B. this morn for home. the weather cold & rainy & the bell ringing for mine.

May 9th very pleasant nearly ten o clock We recited for the first time a lesson in Botany walked out after tea & commenced a letter to D. Annie. Do not conquer bad habits easily.

May 10th Sabbath very pleasant went to church half a day
The young ladies in Mr Gales were corrected for misbehaviour
In the first place one of the Deacons shook his fist at them
& find that not sufficient to make them quiet knocked very loudly
on a bench for them & after the services were closed he detained
them in the pew & gave them a lecture. Mr G. was not there I
suppose he stayed to keep his wife company he buried a son
yesterday morning.

May 24th Sabbath evening very pleasant. Went to church
all day. The sermon in the morning was very long and rather
tiresome. I cannot take so much interest in the sermons as I could
wish for my time at church is certainly not spent to much advan-
tage. Have spent the evening at the Academy talking with
Philip T. Lee. Hope to have more method in my studies the coming
week than I have as yet been able to practice May I persevere
in all good resolutions and be blest with discrimination to
know those which should be followed and those which are
not worthy a thought. May I look to the true Source of
of happiness. ——— May 26th X . . . . . X 30th

May 31st Sabbath morning I do not go to church this morning
I hear the birds singing around me and people singing in the
meeting house

June 4th Sabbath attended church all day.

June 14th Sabbath evening. Was not well yesterday Did not go out to day in consequence of taking an emetic yesterday Mem wrote a long letter to Mother expect to send it to her by Mail tomorrow morning.

June 21st Sabbath 2 P.M. Lowell Samuel came to Derry yesterday at dusk, rode to Lowell with him saturday morning he called at the door for me at half past four in the morning and I was ready. he did not have time to call at Uncle E. at Dracut as he had but ten minutes, to start to stand before he started for Boston in the stage

June 28th Sabbath evening, past ten. went to church all day the Pastor's text in the morning Nehemiah 2. 20 in the afternoon Nehemiah 4. 6. have not spent the day as I ought; immediately after tea, walked with Miss Harr Miss H, Miss Fol— be & Aiken, walked to the grove where we found the remains of an old cart & amused ourselves for sometime, in tipping it back & forward. Miss Fol—be promised to write to me a week hence year hence i.e. June 28th. 1836. little do we know what changes may take place in that time. —— intended to write to Mother but indolence is to frequent & too well received a visitor to permit me to accomplish one half the duties I wish to perform. Am I, too fond of company:

have not yet answered the letter Samuel brought me. but my conscience tells me to set myself about it directly. — nearly eleven — Ah! Morche to's —

July 11th Saturday Boston. Last tuesday left Derry for Lowell after settling all my bills &c &c. Arrived at Dr. Graves about six in the afternoon. There were nineteen passengers in the stage. Staid at Dr Graves till Thursday arrived in Boston thursday evening about seven.

Yesterday, the tenth. Aunt Sarah & Uncle Abraham arrived from Maine. they spent 4 days at Farmington 3. at Hallowell brought me a few letters. I must go back to the fourth of July. we had great doings in Derry. Six school, walked in procession to the Academy Meeting house where we heard a temperance address from Mr. Clement of Chester with a little advice from Mr. Parker. The light Infantry met us at a few steps from the Academy, separated, passed us on each side dusted us well. the marched forward and took the lead. Much to our surprise and pleasure Uncle Henry and wife were at Derry in the evening, but they left in the next morning after. ———

A very pleasant morning. rather cool, it being Saturday expect Clifford to come and see me.

Went most of the morning in the street. then Clifford came in about eleven o'clock and dined

Sabbath. 12th ~~Boston.~~

Did not go to church this morning as I ought, although the day is very pleasant. I do not feel myself obliged to take any note of the manner in which it has passed with me. The morning has passed, that's enough. Rose late, Uncle & wife at Framingham. Am not so decided in my determination to return to Derry as would be pleasant to me. Like the animal between two bundles of hay. which shall I pursue improvement or pleasure? Heard some news from Aunt Sarah who has been to Maine on a visit which pleased me much.

July 13th very warm. Rose this morning at a very early hour for the purpose of obtaining a new bonnet if possible before breakfast, did not succeed however in getting my bonnet but was so tired as to lie down before breakfast At about half past nine o'clock started for Cambridge in a chaise with Aunt & Mary stopped at Uncle A's house instead of Clifford's room & called on West Stone to request him to gallant us to the Chapel did not stop to rest, as we were fearful of being late at exhibition. Clifford did very well as well as one could wish. Clifford overtook us as

we walk walking from the Chapel with Mrs & Mr Hone
We went to his room took some cake, wine, lemonade
walked to Uncle's house & rode to Boston. The weath-
er was so excessively warm that I felt nearly dead when
we reached Avon place. undressed myself laid down
and had a nap I know not how long As I was
dressing C. Sayles called I went down to see her, soon
returned the money which was left from paying her
bills in Derry which money her Father intrusted to
me for that purpose as he could not make it con-
venient to do so himself Mr. O. Fairbanks called
this evening the thermometer had been above ninety —
July 14th The day has been excessively warm. I did
not venture out until past five in the afternoon
Mrs. Sayles called in the morning Sept. 2 I was passing out
Aunt M. called to me & asked me to ride with her in
15 minutes, in that time, made a call on Mrs Perkins
& walked as far as Summer St. Called with Aunt M.
on Mrs. Dow, and am delighted with her. though plain
& not remarkably graceful in her manner. She had the
appearance of so much good sense and amiability that
one would expect her to please — Walked out
to look for a bonnet but as yet do not succeed
in suiting myself. L. & W. Hone took tea here

July 13th Spent most of the morning in walking, shopping for a bonnet. Called on Mrs. Sayles at a very early hour and she and Caroline went with me. It has rained nearly all the day. This afternoon we have had some very heavy showers. Miss Perkins called this afternoon & engaged to walk with her tomorrow evening. Sad!!!

July 16th Clifford called this morning & concluded to start for home this afternoon at five.

July 17th Spent the morning in shopping for bonnet. In the afternoon rode with Aunt Mary to Dorchester we found Mary B. and family at Squantum a place four miles distant but went into the garden & made ourselves quite at home found a variety of fruit &c then called on Mrs. Baxter and enjoyed the call much Mrs. T. the place — fruit. building &c

July 18th Mary Brewer came in this morning called on C. Sayles with her — Took tea there — Common. Mall. situation. prospect. Mrs. S. manners children. Caroline. — In the eve — Aunt Mary Husband & Uncle Tom called. past eleven. and I must retire to rest. — finished my bishop lawn collar & M. S., and lolled little Henry to sleep. sweet children all. —

July 19th Sabbath. past five. P. M.

The day has been very pleasant. As I was preparing for church this morning was taken with such a pain in my stomach as to be quite unwell & not able to go to church so I spent the morning at home groaning with pain. Did not go down at noon, dined on some bread and coffee which they were so good as to send to my chamber. Dressed for church in the afternoon, found the eldest Miss Bradley in the parlour who went to church with us by invitation. Mr. Gannett's sermon was addressed particularly to children. The text was 2d Thess. 1. 2d "We are bound to thank God that your faith groweth exceedingly, Mr. G. explained the meaning of faith by several illustrations that, and the necessity of faith & obedience to our happiness in this world as well as in another state of existence. Feel much better than I did this morning. My thoughts have often insensibly carried me back to by gone years and beloved friends.

July 20th Monday past nine o'clock. The day has been excessively warm did not go out until afternoon. C. Sayles called for me, we called at Mrs. B.'s & shopped a little walked on the common to the pings tree. called at Mr. D. with her shopped again & returned home. — Sad — but why. —

July 21st, Excessively warm, spent the day with Mrs. Sayles. – Played backgammon with Carolina in the afternoon we called upon Mrs. Gale. saw her little boy which she thinks will recover from the trouble he has with his feet. –

July 22d Called this morning on Miss Chaplin after purchasing calico for a dress, but she cannot take my measure till saturday. She charged me 25 cts for cutting a plain muslin cape which I think most exorbitant. Spent the afternoon and took tea with Mrs. Bradlee. after tea walked in the Mall. we returned again, took some fruit and then walked home with the girls or with Caroline and Miss Atheridge. I was very tired when I got home. Mr. Frost brought Miss S. here in the afternoon.

July 23d. Pleasant & warm, did not go out in the morning C. Sayles called in the morning. In the afternoon called on Mrs. Gale with her & her Mother as we returned walked in the Mall with them. then called & took some beer with them. then C. & self walked up & down Washington street purchased a sewing silk handkerchief for myself walked back with C. to shew it to her Mother. staid & took tea with them. was it not

too social? it makes the third time of my taking tea with them in this vacation?
I have been rather industrious than otherwise, as I have sewed the breadths of my new dress together & bound my walking shoes in addition to all the other — movements. Which has the greatest attraction for our love, mere personal beauty, or winning manners unaccompanied by striking beauty of features? — What is beauty? something more than name —
July. 26.th Sabbath.) attended church through the day. Mr. Garnett's was supplied by Mr. Goodwin of Concord Mass. sermons both excellent wish I could remember every word, hope at least to recollect enough to make some improvement from. While at tea Uncle & S. Mr. engaged warmly in a sort of debate or something I know not what to call it but whatever it may be called, may allow myself to say that there was no slight degree of feeling displayed on both sides — — Came up stairs intending to write home immediately after tea had just commenced when I heard Uncle Elias's voice in the parlour Aunt Jane went down to see him immediately about dusk S. Mago came in and we sat some time conversing at last went down & found Mr Brigham in the parlour with Miss E Stone & Aunt Sarah, Aunt Mary reading some love letter to

them which were published in consequence of a law-
suit — industry and perseverance must be more attended to, quite too indifferent and sluggish.

Last night went and slept with D. W. we talked till nearly one. — education, ambition, refinement

July 31st Arrived again at Derry the 29th. left Boston Tuesday morning the 28th in the cars per Lowell Uncle Henry rode to the cars with me Uncle Abraham was there when I started The cars stopped at Lowell a few moments after 4 so that I was little more than an hour Uncles Elisha & Wm. met me at the cars Uncle Wm. walked with me to Dr. Grave rode immediately to Dracut where I stayed till the next morning and then started for Derry in the rain where I arrived at about two P.M. —
Went into school yesterday but did not commence study until this morning. —
We had a severe rain storm this afternoon. unpleasant to be at school with thin shoes.
Mr. Brewer was so kind as to bring my india-rubbers to me else I should wet my feet. —
sent a letter to Mother by mail this morning which she will probably recieve Sunday.

~~Hay July~~ Derry, July. Derry, August 1st 1835.
Saturday another week has passed away & I fear that not only many minutes have been mispent but even hour in that time. Discipline.

August 2d Sabbath.

Rather cold but very pleasant, went to church all day and found my silk very comfortable. — —
too, stupid, great want of self control, can it ever be corrected? many duties to pursue the coming week,

August, 18th 1835. ×

August 23d Sabbath. Derry.

Went to church all day. The weather, pleasant most of the day cool, meeting house well filled and I thought it a pity they should not have a better sermon,

August, 30th Sabbath evening

The weather cool and delightful, went to meeting all day and heard a Mr. Cheever from N. Y. his sermon was delivered in a very animated manner but I found it very difficult to fix my attention upon the discourse, Shall I ever be able to control my mind and fix it on proper objects. The past week has been a very pleasant one. Monday afternoon D. Hawey came and staid until wednesday morning. Tuesday evening

Mrs. Choate told me that there was a gentleman in the parlour who wished to see me, it was Uncle Henry Fuller, Aunt Mary was at the door. They were just returning from a visit to Farmington or rather a call. They left sunday morning. I was an unexpected pleasure to see them. Mr. B. & self spent Tuesday eve-g with them, & went down Wednesday Morning to see them start.

Sept 6th. Sabbath.

Sept 14th

Sept 20th

Sept 27th.

Oct 4th

Oct. 11th Dovy. Did not go out to day, but staid from church all day. the time passes away very rapidly. Examination draws near and no time for amusement. of the studies which most need my attention I feel a distaste.

Last week Mary B. recieved a letter from her Mother saying that Uncle H. Fuller and wife went to Groton from suddenly hearing of the death of Uncle T. F. I have had no other information of the circumstance and know not what to think of the

report. Do not know what I should do, or what I should not do. had some idea of taking the stage to Boston the day after I heard but staid from not knowing what course was advisable for me to pursue.

Oct. 18th 1835 Sabbath.

I can hardly realize that a year has passed away since the last operation has been performed, which has cured my hand. Can I look back to the pain I suffered, to the narrow escape I had, without gratitude to that being who has supported me through so many trials.

May I never forget my unworthiness of the many blessings I daily enjoy, that although my early years have been clouded by sorrows and afflictions (which all contribute to correct the faults of nature education) that I have yet many blessings and many dear friends left, to cheer me through the scenes which yet await me.

Oct. 25th Sabbath. Boston.

Attended church all day. Heard Dr Henry Ware in the morning. The words of his text were. "My Brethren, count it all joy that ye enter into divers temptations." Aunt Mary wished W. M. Henry & self to make an abstract but I did not find time before the afternoon service. Dr Ware

preached in the afternoon, father to the one who preached in the morning.

November 1st 1835. Hallowell.

Do not go out to day because my Bonnet is not with me which I wish to wear. Arrived here the next day evening after I left Boston.

The 21st of October I left Derry for Boston in company with Mr. Brewer. arrived at Uncle H. F. that evening, it being wednesday.

Uncle Whittier, wife & Elizabeth were there. and happy was I to meet E. there. Spent a week in Boston & one day. We all took tea with Mrs. Sayles. Caroline called on me often and was very attentive while I was there she gave what directions she could, that I might know how to paint by formulas.

We started from Boston thursday evening in the steamboat for Portland, where we arrived friday morning when we took the stage for Hallowell. Amen. !!!!!

Nov. 3d Tuesday eve— Expect to leave H. tomorrow morning at seven for Farmington

One year last June since I left that sweet spot many, many changes have taken place in my

own village since I was there. May I improve my time in such a manner as to be fitted and prepared for every trial which awaits me.

I promise myself much happiness in meeting the friends, from whom I have been so long separated.

Have been troubled with a toothache most of the time I have been here, this evening Dr Cony extracted it, to my great relief.

Farmington, Sabbath. Nov. 8th 1835.

Arrived at my own sweet home last wednesday night, found friends all glad to see me. Mother was quite sick but is now convalescent. attended church in the afternoon, hearers few. Hope to rise in season to attend all day next sabbath Mr. Beebe, is to preach, poor man, his society is so small as not to deserve the name of one.

Nov. 15th 1835.

Attended church all day; Mr Beede gave us two good sermons to my sorrow I have forgotten; hope to give a better account of myself next week. The week has passed rapidly away with

leaving any wonderful improvement to reward me of a week well spent. I have spent my time most industriously; have really worked hard but it as far as I can see availeth nothing. M. A. spent a short part of the afternoon and took tea with us on friday. H. A. called Sat eve — g.

Nov 22d 1833. Sabbath.

Staid from church all day, the weather cold and rough. !!!!! Wrote to Clifford by mail.

Feb. 7th Sabbath eve — g. 1836

Two weeks last Friday since I returned from my seven weeks visit at Hallowell.

My dear Sister C. was married to Dr Cony the 10th of Dec. 1833. I spent two weeks with her at Augusta.

I enjoyed my visit at H. so much that I never dare look to the time when I shall meet such another.

I say nothing of the manner in which my time has been spent of late. these cold mornings are spent most comfortably in bed — !!!!!! I hope to give a good account to myself the coming week.

1836.

Feb 14th 1836. Sabbath Evening

The unpleasantness of the weather kept me from meeting all day. I can say nothing more of the manner in which the past week has been spent than that it has been spent very happily. The cold weather and other worldly considerations prevent me from paying that attention to the cultivation of mind which is advisable. my health good. how many blessings do I enjoy, and yet how ungrateful, how unmindfully do I enjoy them. The reading society flourishes well. I go the next which meets at Mr. Churches.

March 6th Sabbath, evening

Stayed from church all the day. —

Three weeks have passed rapidly away without any great improvement of mind or manners having taken place in my own person.

The 16th of Feb. is the most memorable day that has passed ~~for~~ some time; as my own individual happiness is affected or my future happiness or misery is concerned by passing events. Last week received letters from C. Sayles. M. Bacon and Dr. Harvey.

Dr. Ober and wife have been in town a few days but leave us the first of the week. The more I see of them the more do I unavailingly regret the circumstance of their leaving this town. Spent most of the past in visiting friends. One day at Uncle H— one at Mrs Were, one afternoon with Mrs. Goodenow, one with Mrs Perham. &c.

Sabbath eve — March. 13th 1836.

There has been a bright sun and fine air, this to induce the villagers to attend the place of public worship. Went to the Free Will Church this morning; heard a good sermon and was turned out of a pew to give place for a man & family by a person who I supposed to be the owner of the pew.

The week has passed away rapidly and pleasantly as usual.

Sabbath eve — April 10th.

May 15th Sabbath eve — J.

Many and severe are the reflections which conscience casts upon me as my journal lies

before me. A mind immortal; spending all its
fire. Wasting its strength in strenuous idleness,"
eve — " Went to the meeting house to
hear a lecture from Prof. Newton.
Last week was favoured with letters
from Mr. Brewer. C. Sayles. D. Harvey & Clifford.
May 22d. ×
May 29th. We have had a week of rain.
no bright sun has shone forth. ——— "

Calais Me. Aug. 1st 1836.
Monday Morn — "
Aug. 23rd Sabbath.
Belfast Aug. 26th 1846.

Ten years and more have passed away since I took upon myself the duties of a wife Many are the changes brought about. Ten years spent with one of the best of Husbands, three children added to the family circle during that time, many sources of enjoyment always in my reach. So far has my lot in life been cast in pleasant places but now ungrateful; have I been to harbour for a moment, a repining spirit, to cast a gloom in my sunshine

the petty trials of this life should be only noticed in a way to enhance our enjoyment of the true good. My life has been a dreams May I awake with Moral courage, to do and do well the duties of my path, who can tell of the future, some times I see many a storm in the distance, but always with the conviction, that I, sinner as I am, am passing to the world of spirits, but never do I feel a dread of death. Strength mental & physical do I want for, who that is easily prostrated by fatigue, ever promotes the happiness or well being of those about them, unless indeed by giving patience her perfect work with them on our account.

Aug. 1st 1847 The great circus in Belfast with the beautiful little ponies all the children crazy to see

Belfast. June 23d 1859.

My dear Howard would have been twenty years old today had he lived. Our dear, dear Boy was taken from our sad hearts the 20th of May; While we were thinking our Beautiful gifted boy, happy in our love, happy in the esteem of all about him, he so happy in his nomination as the Poet of his class, our Boy so well appreciated. Peculiar Poet. While we were enjoying these thoughts and anticipating so much pleasure with him and his friends next vacation our beloved Child eyes were closed forever to this worlds joys & sorrows He was sleeping beneath the cold unfeeling waves deep deep from human sight.

By Miss Roscoe

Severer woes my spirit steep:
I weep not as I used to weep:
The tear bedews my cheek no more,
But lives within the heart's warm core.

O Christian! are they cherished there,
The food of anguish and despair?
And is not life too frail and brief
For time to feed on secret grief?

Hast thou no duties to pursue?
No sacred claims before thy view?
No task appointed for the day,
That hours may thus be mourned away?

Go, and be faithful,— murmur not
Over the sorrows of thy lot,
But, meekly, happy, kiss the rod,
All-grateful that thou hast a God:—

And let all earthly grief be still.
In the high aim to do his will;
All fear, all doubt, all woe discard;
And he will be "Thy great reward".

Boston. Nov. 16. 1894

THE SLANDERER.

His heart is gall—his tongue is fire—
His soul too base for generous ire;
His sword too keen for nobler use;
His shield and buckler are—*abuse.*

Peggy Waterfield. Camden, Me.
Very interesting Journal of Caroline Belcher
Boston & Farmington - Me. Cousin to
Sarah Margaret Fuller Ossoli -
1834 — 1859 -